

GREAT CROWD SEES CONGRESS OPEN D. C. ESTIMATES SHOW BIG INCREASE

GREAT ISSUES FACE DECISION AT MEETING OF 64TH SESSION

Clarke of Arkansas Becomes
President Pro Tempore of
Senate, With Gallinger Lead-
ing Republicans.

Hosts of Visitors Buzz About
Capitol—Ovation to Speaker
Clark and "Uncle Joe" Can-
non in Lower House.

The first session of the Sixty-
fourth Congress opened at noon.
With crowded galleries the
House and Senate entered on the
grind of legislative procedure
which is expected to continue
through many stormy and excit-
ing months.

When the gavels fell at each
end of the Capitol it was every-
where recognized that a session
which is likely to prove one of the
most momentous in the history of
the country was under way.

For nine months Congress has
been in recess, the longest recess
period since 1907. Today was one
of parliamentary formalities, of
reunions of old members, of new
members getting themselves ad-
justed to their unaccustomed sur-
roundings, of hosts of visitors,
crowding, jostling and buzzing
about the Capitol, through the cor-
ridors, in the galleries and about
the offices.

The visit of a large array of
suffrage workers to the Capitol
added to the army of spectators.

ROUTINE BEGINS.

Secretary James D. Baker, of the
Senate, called that body to order.
Senator Martin presided until new
members were sworn in. Senator
Clarke of Arkansas was elected Presi-
dent pro tempore and a committee to
advise the President that the body
had convened was named.

In the House, Clerk South Trimble
called the session to order. Speaker
Clark was re-elected and a House
committee also being named to notify
the President that the session had
begun.

Vice President Marshall detained in
Indianapolis by the illness of Mrs.
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WILL PROBE PLOT TO SINK BIG FREIGHTER

Minnesota to Be Towed to San
Francisco, With Three Spies
Reported Held in Irons.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 6.—Two
wrecking tugs were believed to have
reached the Great Northern freighter
Minnesota's side today and the en-
gineer's statement was to be brought
either here or into San Francisco for
investigation of an alleged pro-Ger-
man plot to disable or sink her. Three
spies were reported to be held in irons
on suspicion.

That the Minnesota's plight was not
critical was suggested by refusal of
aid from passing liners off the Cor-
onado Islands yesterday, as well as
by its ability to make several knots
an hour under its own steam.

SOME OF THE INCREASES

Secretary McAdoo transmits record-breaking annual budget calling
for outlay of \$1,285,857,808.16 during the next fiscal year.
This exceeds by approximately \$170,000,000 the appropriations of
the last Congress.

These increases are shown chiefly in these departments:
District of Columbia \$3,500,000
War Department 50,000,000
Panama Canal 7,950,000
Navy Department 68,000,000
Interior Department 1,221,000

New building program of navy is for two battleships, two battle-
cruisers, three scout cruisers, fifteen destroyers, two gun-
boats, one hospital ship, one fuel ship, five fleet submarines
and twenty-five coast submarines.

The navy asks an appropriation of \$8,000,000 for reserve munitions.

STRONG PEACE PLEA IS MADE BY PONTIFF

Addresses Stirring Appeal to
Consistory of Cardinals
From Many Lands.

ROME, Dec. 6.—Pope Benedict's al-
location to the consistory of cardinals to-
day contained a stirring appeal for an
early peace.
It was the first secret consistory of
the present Pope. He created his first
cardinals, seven in all. The names of
six of these were made public. The
name of the seventh cardinal was re-
served "in pectore," to be revealed by
the Pontiff later at his pleasure.
From both Italian and visitor car-
dinals, the Vatican drew the sentiment
of the principal nations at war before
the Pope's allocution was completed.
The consistory was attended largely by
Italian cardinals, those from most of
the foreign countries being unable to
arrive on account of the war.
The principal belligerent nations,
however, were represented. Cardinals
Horne and Gonsini arrived from Eng-
land; Cardinal Cabelles from France;
and Cardinal Hartmann from Germany.
It was considered certain that each of
these brought with him the peace views
of his government, and that out of
the exchange of ideas might spring the
beginning of peace.

Six of New Cardinals.

The six new cardinals created today,
whose names were made public, were:
Mr. Giulio Tonti, nuncio at Lisbon.
Mr. Alfonso Maria Mistrangelo, arch-
bishop of Florence.
Mr. Giovanni Cagliero, nuncio for the
Central American states.
Mr. Andrea Ehrlich, Austrian by
birth and nuncio at Munich.
Mr. Raffaele Schapinelli, nuncio at
Vienna.
Mr. Giorgio Gurnini, archbishop of
Bologna.

These appointments diminish the un-
precedented majority of foreign cardinals
in the college, the representation now
being twenty-nine Italians and
thirty-one foreigners.

Formal announcement was also made
at the consistory of the following American
appointments:
Bishop Giuseppe Glass, formerly of
Lead, S. D., to be bishop of St. Cloud,
Minn.; Bishop Mundelein, of Brooklyn,
N. Y., to be archbishop of Chicago; Mr. Bro-
sant, to be bishop of Covington, Ky.;
Mr. Dougherty, now in the Philippines,
to be bishop of Buffalo; Mr. Giuseppe
Fetrelli to be apostolic delegate to the
Philippines; and Mr. Edward Patrizio
Fozzue to be administrator of the met-
ropolitan diocese of St. John's, New-
foundland.

EARLY REPORT DUE ON HALF-AND-HALF

Chairman Chilton, of Investiga-
ting Committee Thinks Ex-
tension Not Necessary.

An early report on the half-and-half
question will be made to Congress by
the special committee which has been
investigating that subject.
This opinion was expressed today by
Senator Chilton of West Virginia,
chairman of the committee which
made the investigation.

Senator Chilton will call another
meeting of the committee some time
this week. The committee is required
to report by January 1, but there has
been some talk of an extension of
not more than a few days.

British Liner Escapes German Submarine

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British pas-
senger liner Japanese Prince escaped from
a German submarine after a five-
hour chase in which she was heavily
shelled, the press bureau announced to-
day.

SERBS JOIN ALLIES; AUSTRIANS HALTED

Berlin Admits Offense on Monte-
negro and Albanian Borders
Is Checked.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The first war
council with all allies represented
was held here today, General
Joffre presiding.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—Part of the Serb
forces that retreated from Monastir
across the Greek border have joined
the Anglo-French expeditionary force,
according to news agency dispatches
from Saloniki.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville,
L. I.), Dec. 6.—The Serbs and Montenegrins
have temporarily halted the Austrian
offensive along the Montenegrin and
Albanian frontiers, today's official
statement indicates. The war office
spoke only of attacks by Montenegrin
and Serbian detachments south of Sze-
nitza and east of Ipek, but said these
attacks were repulsed.

Germans Rushed to Meet Expected Russ Invasion at Rustchuk

ATHENS, Dec. 6.—The 16th German
division has been rushed to Rustchuk,
presumably to meet Roumanian con-
centration near that point and to repel an
expected movement of Russian troops.
Greek military authorities received
word today that Germany is sending
heavy artillery to the Roumanian bor-
der from the western front.

The Roumanian order commanding all
foreign shipping in Roumanian ports
"in the interests of the national de-
fense" will go into effect today, when
the Roumanian authorities are expected
to seize Austro-Hungarian or Bul-
garian cargo boats carrying munitions
upon the Danube.

Officials do not consider the Rou-
manian move as sufficient evidence that
Roumania is to enter the war with the
allies, but admit that the Bucharest
attitude is most puzzling.

Kine Constantine, it is reliably
reported, is about to assure the allies that
their demands will be met in full.
Greece may not openly state her posi-
tion to the world, but the assurances
will be of such definite nature as to re-
move all doubt in London and Paris.

Only minor clashes with the Aus-
tro-German advance guards are now mark-
ing the Serbian retirement into Albania.
The most severe fighting in the Balkans
is going on south of Plevlje, where
fierce resistance of the Montenegrins is
reported to have checked the Austrian
invasion.

Russian Riga Attacks Repulsed With Losses, Says Berlin War Office

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville,
L. I.), Dec. 6.—The Russians lost heavily
in a determined attack
against the German positions southwest
of Riga Lake, west of Riga, the war
office reported this afternoon. All the
attacks broke down.

A German aeroplane was hit by Rus-
sian antiaircraft and forced to descend
near Markgrafen, on the Courlands
shore, said the official statement. Its
occupants were rescued by the Ger-
mans.

On the western front there were ar-
tillery, mine and grenade engagements
at several places. Near Bapaume two
English aeroplanes were shot down and
their occupants killed.

Russian Youths to Be Called as Reserves

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Nineteen-year-old
youths, constituting the class of 1917,
will be called to the colors in Russia
early next year, according to Petrograd
dispatches today. Presumably they are
to take the place of reserve regiments
who are to participate in Russia's ex-
pected offensive.

INCREASE OF \$170,000,000 IN ESTIMATES FOR SUFFRAGE

National Defense Boosts Budget
to Unprecedented Total of
\$1,285,857,808.

SALARY INCREASES FEW

New Building Program for Navy
Calls for an Increase of
\$68,000,000.

The title observation of the late
Thomas B. Reed that "this is a billion-
dollar country" was given unprece-
dented emphasis today when Secretary
of the Treasury McAdoo sent to Con-
gress the estimates for the fiscal year
1917, amounting to the enormous total
of \$1,285,857,808.16.

This amount, inclusive of the sinking
fund and requirements of the postal
service is \$185,000,000 in excess of the
original estimates, also inclusive of
these two items, which were sent to
Congress last year.

The amount asked by Secretary Mc-
Adoo is approximately \$170,000,000 more
than that appropriated by Congress for
the fiscal year 1916.

The Administration program for na-
tional defense—an extension all along
the line in the military and naval
establishments—is largely responsi-
ble for the great total of the esti-
mates this year.

Naval Estimates.

The naval appropriation bill of the
last session called for \$149,656,864.88.
Estimates sent to Congress today
propose a naval budget of \$217,652,
174.24—an increase of about \$68,000,
000.

Appropriations for the support of
the army for the current fiscal year
were \$101,959,195.87. The estimates
submitted today contemplate a mili-
tary establishment that will cost next
year \$150,931,433.47—meaning an in-
crease of about \$50,000,000.
But the total increase of \$118,000,000
for preparedness is but a start on the
Administration's program. Other ap-
propriation estimates are to follow.

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U.S. TO RESCUE SHIP ATTACKED BY SUB

Navy Asked by Lansing to Rush
Warships to Unidentified
Vessel Off African Coast.

Secretary of State Lansing today re-
quested the Navy Department to send
warships to the rescue of an uniden-
tified American steamer, reported to
have been shelled by a submarine off
the northern coast of Africa, 128 miles
south of the island of Crete. The
cruiser Des Moines, which was due
to arrive at Canea, Crete, today, and
the collier Caesar, now en route from
Alexandria to Port Said, will be di-
rected to rush to the scene.

Reported By Minister.

All that the State Department has
on the incident is a dispatch received
from United States Minister Garrett
Droppers at Athens, stating that the
Greek government, which also has
sent out a destroyer to locate the
ship, had informed him that on the
afternoon of December 3 a Greek
wireless station picked up the fol-
lowing distress call from an Ameri-
can steamer, whose name could not
be made out:

"Being fired on by submarine; posi-
tion 33 degrees, 20 minutes, north;
and 24 degrees east."

Not Naval Vessels.

Navy Department officials declare
that the steamer referred to could
not have been either the American
cruiser Des Moines or the collier
Caesar, the only American naval
ships known to be in eastern Medi-
terranean waters. On December 3 the
Des Moines had not left Larnaka,
Cyprus, 500 miles away, for Crete, and
the Caesar was at Alexandria. On the
other hand, it was stated that re-
ports had been received at the depart-
ment of the promiscuous use of Ameri-
can flags by Greek steamers operat-
ing between Greece and Egypt.

WOMEN MARCH TO CAPITOL FOR SUFFRAGE

Vast Crowds Watch as Mam-
moth Scroll Is Unrolled at
Historic Spot.

PARADE IS PICTURESQUE

Envoys Who Crossed Continent
in Automobile Given Enthusi-
astic Greeting.

Unrolling a mammoth petition ar-
ranged in the form of a scroll while
they ascended the Capitol steps, two en-
voys bearing credentials from the wom-
en voters of the West, today were re-
ceived by a delegation of Senators and
Congressmen, where many Presidents
have delivered their inaugural address-
es.

More than 1,000 women were lined up
eastward from the Capitol, who later
marched down Pennsylvania avenue to
escort the envoys to the White House,
where they were to be received by
President Wilson later in the after-
noon.

Senator Sutherland of Utah and Con-
gressman Mondell of Wyoming, head-
ed a delegation of members of both
houses who received the women en-
voys at the east front of the Capitol.

The envoys were Mrs. Sara Bard
Joffe, of California, who rode into
Washington today in the same auto-
mobile that bore them across the con-
tinent from San Francisco, where the
convention of Western women voters
delegated them to make their plea be-
fore Congress to enfranchise all
women of this nation.

The arrival of the envoys today
marked the opening of the first na-
tional convention of the Congressional
Union for Woman Suffrage.

All Sections Represented.

Many prominent suffrage workers
from all parts of the country joined in
the procession which welcomed the en-
voys today. Mrs. Field and Miss Joffe
were driven up to Stanton Square,
Fourth and Maryland avenue north-
east, from Baltimore just before noon
today. At that time the escort, which
was to march with them to the Capitol
and down Pennsylvania avenue to the
White House, was formed.

The Congressional Union leaders ex-
plained that the procession today was
not merely intended for a parade, but
it was designed to bring the lines of pa-
entry to mark the triumph of suffrage
had won and the victorious cause
yet hoped to win in many States.

In accordance with the plan, thirteen
women representing the twelve suffrage
States and the suffrage Territory of
Alaska, formed one section of the
parade. With the golden streamers
used as suffrage banners predominating
the color scheme, the varied costumes
made up a picturesque spectacle as the
parade swung around the Peace Monu-
ment into Pennsylvania avenue. It was
led by a cavalry escort, of which
Mrs. John J. White was marshal, and
this group of women on horseback was
followed by twelve girls wearing
purple, white, and gold Congressional
Union colors.

District In Parade.

One section of the parade was given
over to a representation of the States,
which have not yet given women the
vote and in the present march
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FAY AND ASSOCIATES ARE AGAIN ACCUSED

Five Men Are Charged With
Conspiring to Murder by
Placing Bombs on Ships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—"Lieut." Robert
Fay and five other men, accused of con-
spiring to blow up munition ships, today
were named in five new indictments re-
turned by the Federal court, one of
which charged them with conspiring to
commit murder by attaching bombs to
ships leaving American ports.
Max Breitung, relative of the Michi-
gan millionaire, Walter Scholz, Fay's
brother-in-law, Dr. Herbert Glende, al-
leged "brains" of the conspiracy, En-
gelbert Frenckhurst, mining engineer,
and Paul Tachee, all of whom were
named with Fay in the first indictments,
were also formally accused today.
The original indictments charged only
a conspiracy to destroy ships at sea.

\$15,473,676 FOR D. C. IS ASKED IN BUDGET; MILLION FOR PARKS

Purchase of Dean Place At \$625,000 and
Patterson Tract At \$500,000 Proposed.
Wider Powers For Commissioners
Among Recommendations.

Containing recommendations for more important leg-
islation than was ever before carried in a District budget,
the estimates of the District Commissioners for the next
fiscal year went to the Capitol today.

Not only do the estimates embody vital legislative
suggestions, they call for a record-breaking District appro-
priation bill of more than \$15,000,000.

The Commissioners seek \$15,473,676.34 to run this
municipality for the next fiscal year. This amount is ap-
proximately \$3,500,000 greater than that allowed the Dis-
trict in the bill for the current fiscal year. The District
appropriation law for the fiscal year 1916 amounted to only
\$11,972,524.41.

Of the large total now asked by the Commissioners,
two items call for the outlay of more than one million dol-
lars. The Commissioners propose to purchase for park
purposes the "Dean tract," in Mt. Pleasant, at \$625,000.
They also seek to acquire the "Patterson tract," near the
Columbia Institute for the Deaf, at a cost of \$500,000.

Here are the principal legislative provisions recom-
mended by the District Commissioners, set out in their
estimates submitted to Congress today by the Treasury
Department, which forwarded the monetary requisition of
all branches of the Government:

COMMISSIONERS SEEK WIDER POWERS.

The Commissioners seek to be clothed with the
authority and powers now vested in the Board of Educa-
tion, and that they, instead of the District Supreme Court,
shall appoint the board. They recommend that the super-
intendent of schools shall hereafter be known as the direc-
tor of education, and shall be primarily responsible to the
Board of Commissioners.

Complete jurisdiction, including the power of appoint-
ment, is also desired by the Commissioners over the Board
of Charities and the Board of Children's Guardians. All
of these boards are subject to reorganization under the pro-
posed transfer of jurisdiction to the city heads.

The Board of Charities is now appointed by the Presi-
dent. The Board of Children's Guardians is named now
by the judges of the Police Court and the presiding judge
in the criminal court of the District.

The Commissioners, in support of these recommenda-
tions, will emphasize the fact that they are now responsible
for the expenditures of these boards. In view of this the
Commissioners want control over the administration func-
tions of these organizations, the most important of which
is the Board of Education—now the controlling factors in
the public school situation.

Details of the legislation asked by the Commissioners
in this connection are published below.

Provision is made for the extension of the modern
lighting system, for which the board asks \$503,000.

ANNUAL REALTY ASSESSMENT URGED.

The Commissioners increased the estimates of the
Board of Education, and ask for an unusually large num-
ber of new buildings. About \$840,000 is asked for school
buildings and grounds. The estimates are carried in detail
in another column.

The Commissioners advocate annual, instead of tri-
ennial assessments, of real estate in the District of Col-
umbia.

They would also require that the "true consideration"
shall be carried in deeds.

The city fathers also ask that Congress authorize them
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